

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for permanently extending elongate body parts, particularly the penis, comprising a support ring-(1), at least one stretching rod-(2) coupled to the proximal end of the support ring and spring-mounted in axial direction that can gradually be adjusted in length, and fixing means-(3) retained on the distal end of the stretching rod(s), ~~characterized in that~~wherein the fixing means-(3) as a substantially cylindrical preformed component-(14, 18; 22 to 24) that fully or partially and flexibly surrounds the respective body part is provided with at least one retaining clip-(15) running in longitudinal direction on the outer rim of the fixing means and locking sideways into the stretch rod(s)-(2) after putting on the fixing means.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said at least one retaining clip-(15) is designed as a continuously slotted cylinder with flexible cheeks-(15a) and a distal stop plate-(16).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the retaining clips-(15) extend from the distal section of the fixing means-(3) in stretching direction and beyond its distal end.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the fixing means-(3) consists of a concave receiving shell-(14) with retaining clips-(15) extending from its sides at the distal end and an elastic fastening element-(18).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The device according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the fastening element-(18) consists of a domed preformed flexible support part-(18a) from the ends of which extend elastic fastening straps-(18b), the outer surfaces of said fastening straps-(18b) comprising latches-(18e) for locking the

fastening straps into slots-(17) of the receiving shell-(14) and shackles-(18d) for releasing the fastening straps-(18b) and for limiting tension forces.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The device according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the latches-(18e) and slots-(17) have rounded edges.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The device according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the thickness of the domed support part-(18a) is multiple times greater than that of the elastic fastening straps-(18b).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The device according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the fastening element-(18) can be adjusted in longitudinal direction by variably fixing it to the receiving shell-(14), the length of the slots-(17) exceeding the width of the fastening strap-(18b).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the cylindrical fixing means-(3) consists of two shells-(23a, 23b) connected by a hinge-(20) and a lock-(21) and forming a cylinder, and in that a highly elastic material-(22, 24) is applied to the inner surfaces of said shells.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The device according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said highly elastic material is an inflatable air cushion ring-(24) that is split in the section of the lock-(21).

Claim 11 (currently amended): The device according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein an inlet and outlet valve-(19) is located in the wall of the air cushion ring-(24) and in that the inflatable part is inflated using an external pump or compressed air cartridge or a manual pump or compressed air cartridge integrated in the fixing means-(3).

Claim 12 (currently amended): The device according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said highly elastic material is a foam or gel~~(22)~~.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The device according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the two shells~~(23a, 23b)~~ differ in size and in that the retaining clips~~(15)~~ are attached to the bigger shell~~(23b)~~.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The device according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the lock~~(21)~~ can be adjusted for setting the size of the inner diameter formed by the two shells~~(23a, 23b)~~.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the adjustable lock~~(21)~~ is a locking, snap fastener, or velcro system.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the fixing means~~(3)~~ is designed as a one-piece cylindrical, double-walled, inflatable component with a flexible inner wall and a flexible or rigid outer wall and a retaining clip~~(15)~~ mounted to the outer wall, said component comprising an inlet and outlet valve~~(19)~~ for inflating and deflating air.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the stretching rods~~(2)~~ are attached to the support ring~~(1)~~ using a ball joint and in that the retaining clips~~(15)~~ are coupled to the fixing means~~(3)~~.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the stretching rod~~(2)~~ for elastic change in length consists of a threaded rod~~(6)~~, an adjustment bush~~(7)~~ screwed to it, and a spring-mounted spring cover~~(8)~~ telescopically encompasses the adjustment bush~~(7)~~, and in that the distal end of the threaded rod~~(6)~~ comprises a stop piece~~(10)~~ to prevent complete unscrewing of the adjustment bush~~(7)~~.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The device according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~wherein markings ~~(7a)~~ are provided around the perimeter of the adjustment bush ~~(7)~~ to indicate the tensile force generated by the spring cover.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The device according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the stretching rod ~~(2)~~ can be combined of multiple extension rods ~~(9)~~ screwed together at various lengths.